

Remarks

An undated, with no application identification appearing thereon, except the Examiner's name and reference to the date of an earlier amendment (December 3, 2003) was received in the office of the undersigned (a copy is enclosed). This is in response.

There are 18 claims in the application. Claims 1-13 have been amended to recite that the article claimed is substantially dry and that the two outer layers are thermoplastic in nature.

Claims 14 and 15 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 16-18 are new to the application.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Should the amendment still not be compliant, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by phone so that the necessary changes can be quickly implemented.

Respectfully submitted


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